(b) During the year 2002-03,the number of passengers handled at airports is as follows: Mumbai-12260284, Delhi-9096548, Chennai-4161346, Kolkata-2826794, Bangalore-2764283, Hyderabad-1910189, Trivandrum-1014287, Cochin-1010286, Goa-839918, Ahmedabad-818018, Calicut-629561, Guwahati-508719, Pune-410136, Vadodara-351302, Lucknow-318656, Jaipur-289934, Coimbatore-258964, Srinagar-229915, Nagpur-229205, Juhu-218144, Agartala-206991, Mangalore-199723, lndore-195072, Amritsar-178037, Jammu-174572, Patna-162800, Port Blair-160444, Visakhapatnam-155771, Udaipur-153678, Varanasi-151384, Bhubaneshwar-136044, Bagdogra-130128, lmphal-127525, Rajkot-121553, Leh-111128, Aurangabad-104912, Madurai-99872,Trichy-94057, Bhopal-87784, Dibrugarh-82179, Silchar-77558, Jodhpur-76404, Ranchi-68838, Bhuj-63150, Bhavnagar-57790, Raipur-55058, Jamnagar-51733, Chandigarh-50064, Lengpui-37647, Jorhat—27604, Khajuraho—26891, Dimapur-20696, Tirupati-18908, Agra-15483, Bhuntar-14011, Porbandar-13843, Agatti-10743, Gaya-8304, Tezpur-7027, Rajahmundry-6888, Shimla-2353, Dehradun-1592, Jabalpur-1365, Lilabari-1229, Guggal-1205, Kolhapur-1020, Gwalior-364, Viyaywada-359, Pondiciierry-264, Ludhiana-211, Hubli-189, Tezu-183, Tuticorin-120, Salem-115 and Kanpur-6.

(c) The details of net revenue earned (in lakhs) by airports during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are given in brackets respectively Delhi (17196.06, 22422.98, 21118.49), Mumbai (24624.64, 33140.89, 33564.47), Chennai (7120.26, 9966.33, 7467.15), Kolkata (2729.25,1668.34, 2801.54), Bangalore (1471.19, 1846.25, 3194.60), Hyderabad (457.43, 383.94, 1734.91), Goa (291.19, 492.69, 876.68), Calicut (62.28, 52.53, 570.50), Juhu 250.51, 222.67 333.81), Pune (178.38, 204.93, 373.46), Ahmedabad (-499.64, -579.24, 16.62). Remaining airports are loss making.

Modernisation of airports in Himachal Pradesh

1412. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand and modernize Shimla, Kullu and Kangra airports in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether facilities to facilitate the operation of daily flights from Delhi to the above stations and vice-versa are likely to be provided at these airports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Kullu and Kangra airports in Himachal Pradesh are in the process of expansion and modernisation. There is no scope for expansion of Shimla Airport.

(b)The facilities provided at Kullu and Kangra airprots will facilitate operation of 50 seater type of aircraft.

(c) Works of new terminal building, car park, extension of runway and provision of apron etc. are nearing completion at an estimated cost of Rs. 11 crores and the work of new control tower and fire station at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.84 crores is planned in Kangra airport.

At Kullu airport, work of apron and taxiway is in progress, the work of new terminal building for 100 passengers, car park and fire station at an estiamted cost of Rs. 7.55 crores is planned and the extension of runway from 3700 feet to 5500 feet will be undertaken by AAI after the required land is made available by State Government and feasibility of construction of runway is established.

Recommendation of aircraft evaluation committee

1413. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India Aircraft Evaluation Committee has recommended purchase of Boeing 737-800 aircrafts for Air India;

(b) if so. by when a final decision will be taken; and

(c) the number of aircrafts to be purchased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHR! RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) The Board of Directors of Air India in its meeting held on 8.11.2003 approved the proposal for